

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**March 13, 2013 to April 9, 2013**

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed establishment of a safety zone in support of an air show in the Atlantic Ocean along Virginia Beach from May 31 through June 2, 2013 to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Coast Guard intends to issue a CG-4424 Permit for Marine Event to the City of Hampton, the event sponsor for the Hampton Blackbeard Festival. The events will take place on the Hampton River, between the Settlers Landing Road Bridge and the Hampton Yacht Club docks. The event will include "Pirate Sea Battles" from May 31 through June 2, 2013. The river will be closed to maritime traffic between the Hampton City Docks and the Mill Point town Condos Docks on June 1 from 9:30 to 10:00 PM for fireworks.

The Coast Guard has an established Special Local Regulation, #2 in the table to 33 CFR Part 100, section 100.501(c), to promote safety on the navigable waters immediately before, during, and immediately after a marine event.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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